THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Stopping recovery of loan

†261. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) wehther it is a fact that keeping in view the case of increasing incidents of suicides amongst farmers a national committee has suggested to stop the loan recovery in the calamitous areas immediately;

(b) if so, what are the other recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether it has been also stated in the report that profit is gradually decreasing in the agricultural sector; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The National Commission on Farmers has recommended, *inter-alia*, a debt waiver for the smallest and weakest farmers in distress hot spots. The related recommendations are conducting a census of suicides, stepping up of credit and putting in place a Parivar Bima Policy.

(c) and (d) The Commission has also pointed out that the cost-risk-return structure of farming is becoming adverse to the farming families operating small holdings. The recommendations made by the Commission are under consideration of the Government.

NCF Recommendations

262. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY:
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Farmers has recommended five point programme for rejuvenation of agriculture sector;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.